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Dear Ms. Everett,
Attached is written testimony that I would like to submit for Docket #1299. Please let me know if anything else is needed.
Thank you,
Kathryn Jenkins

February 18, 2013

Kathryn M. Jenkins
8815 Margaret Court
La Plata, MD 20646

Dear Charles County Board of Appeals,

This letter is being written in support of granting the land variances for Rick's Place. My husband and I attended the hearing this past Tuesday evening in order to support Rick and Carol Turner. Rick and Carol have been operating their deer processing business for the past 12 years. Up until this past year, there had been no issues with them operating this business. After listening to the testimony of the neighbors complaining, it sounded more like the issue is not with Rick's business, but with the road that people must travel. This road seems to be the root of the problems.

Several items were mentioned during the hearing, that really need to be examined a little more:

- A primary complaint of some of the neighbors was that customers of Rick's Place were traveling at a high speed on the road, thus making it dangerous for their children to play in the road.
 - It was mentioned that the road was in very bad condition, especially towards the front of Petzold drive. My husband and I have traveled this road several times, and it's difficult to drive 15 mph much less 40 mph as the neighbors were complaining about.
 - No proof was presented that the customers travelling back to Rick's Place are actually the one's speeding. There are at least 16 residences along this road with at least two drivers at each house; as well as visitors who also use the road

- to visit these homes. At least four additional businesses are located on this road as well. Rick's Place is not the only one generating traffic.
- There are only 2 children of a young age that live along this road, one of whom is Rick's youngest son.
 - Several neighbors stated that they don't have an issue with the traffic or with people speeding.
 - Another complaint of the neighbors was that the volume of traffic produced by Rick's place has caused the road to deteriorate.
 - Once again, not all the drivers on the road are customers of Rick's Place. Considering the 16 residences on the road, there would be at least 32+ cars that travel that road on a daily/routine basis because they live there not including high school drivers and visitors. If it's assumed that all 32 drivers are working individuals then just by leaving for work and returning from work accounts for 8,320 trips down the dirt road. If Rick were to process 1,000 animals the patrons of his business account for an additional 2,000 trips which is only an increase of approximately 25%. It should be safe to assume that the residents travel that road more than just from home to work thus further reducing the impact of Rick's business on the road. The numbers show that the majority of the wear and tear on the road comes from the residents of Petzold Drive.
 - Variances were requested several years ago to sub-divide the land and build more homes on that road than what was recommended by the County. These homes have contributed to the traffic.

These are the two main complaints of the neighbors. However, as a customer of Rick's and as a member of this community, I ask that you look past their complaints. If Rick is not able to operate his business, it would affect more than just the 7 people that are complaining, it would affect our entire community. Please think about all the good that Rick's place does for our community. This decision would not only impact the local hunter's and farmers that use his business, but it would affect all of the organizations that he supports. I'm sure you are already aware of these organizations, but they include Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry, Young Gunz, 4-H, and Hughesville Little League.

I'm asking for you to look at the facts presented to you and beyond the emotional testimony. This is why the Board of Appeals exists, to ensure that the issues are worked through without shutting down a local, hardworking business.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Kathryn M. Jenkins